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Docket No. SCH-1664-C1
 Prior Application: 09/242,334
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 Art Unit: 1612

Sir: This is a request for filing a

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Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of prior application Serial No. 09/242,334 filed on February 11, 1999 of Jorg-Thorsten MOHR et al., for PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OF DROSPIRENONE (6 β , 7 β , 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-3-OXO-17 α -PREGN-4-EN-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE, DRSP) AS WELL AS 7 α -(3-HYDROXY-1-PROPYL)-6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-5 β -ANDROSTANE-3 β , 5, 17 β -TRIOL (ZK 92836) AND 6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-5 β -HYDROXY-3-OXO-17 α -ANDROSTANE-21,17-CARBOLACTONE (90965) AS INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF THE PROCESS

1. Enclosed are eighteen (18) pages of the specification including claims and zero (0) sheets of drawings.
2. Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration as originally filed in Serial No. 09/242,334 on February 11, 1999 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d).
3. The filing fee is calculated below:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status Claimed under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27		BASIC FEE		690.00
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6. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-3402 in the amount of \$ _____, two copies of this sheet are attached.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in payment of the following fees associated with this communication or otherwise due during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.
 - Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
8. Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
~~-- This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/242,334 filed February 11, 1999 . --~~
10. Priority of application No. 196 33 685.6 filed on August 12, 1996 in Germany is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
11. The certified copies have been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/242,334 filed February 11, 1999.
12. The prior application is assigned of record to Schering AG of Berlin, Germany.
13. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: I. William Millen (19,544); John L. White (17,746); Anthony J. Zelano (27,969); Alan E.J. Branigan (20,565); John R. Moses (24,983); Harry B Shubin (32,004); Brion P. Heaney (32,542); Diana Hamlet-King (33,302); Richard J. Traverso (30,595); Richard E. Kurtz (33,936); John A. Sopp (33,103); John H. Thomas (33,460); Richard M. Lebovitz (37,067) and Luan C. Do (38,434)
 - a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - b. Address all future communications to MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.

13. Incorporation By Reference.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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